



TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST
Land and Resource Management Plan
(Forest Plan)
Five-Year Review
Citizens' Advisory Commission
on Federal Areas
February 2013



Presentation Purpose

1. **To explain purpose & process** for 5 year review of the Forest Plan
2. **To give you information** you need to understand the comment process
(written comments accepted through June 30)
3. **To answer your questions**

Public Meetings So Far

- To date, we have had meetings in Wrangell, Petersburg, Sitka, Craig, and Ketchikan.
- We have a meeting scheduled in Juneau – Thursday, February 28, Juneau Arts and Culture Center, 6 – 8 pm
- We have had over 80 people at the meetings
- We have very few comments but it is still early; the comment period closes on June 30.



Purpose of Forest Plan 5-Year Management Review

1. **Provide Forest Supervisor with insight** into the public's, Tribes' and employees' view of the Forest Plan and its implementation, at this five-year mark
2. **Assist Forest Supervisor** in determining whether any actions are needed at this time to clarify or adjust the Plan.
3. **Maintain communication** with external and internal stakeholders about the Plan and its implementation.

Examples of Actions that Could Result from the 5-Year Review

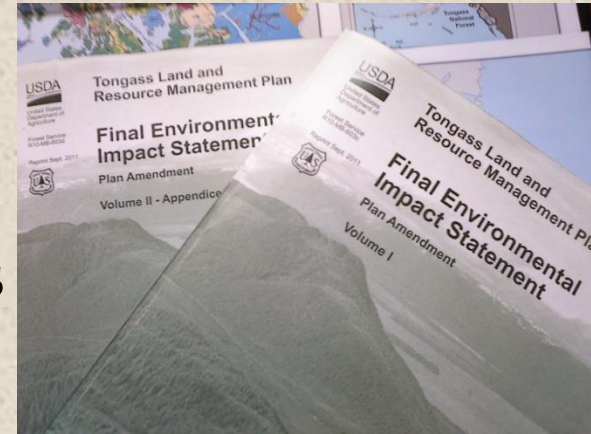
Type of Action	Time to Complete Action
1. Provide written clarification of Forest Plan sections	1 to 2 months
2. Plan supplement	1 to 12 months
3. Minor Plan amendment	1 to 2 years
4. Major Plan amendment	1 to 3 years
5. Plan revision	4 to 5 years

Major Components of the 5-Year Review

Jan–June 30, 2013	Solicit written comments from public and TNF employees, Consultation with Tribes, Stakeholder Meetings, Other
Feb 2013	Public Meetings
May 2013	Prepare 5-year Monitoring & Evaluation Report
July 2013	Review Forest Plan Conservation Strategy
Done Dec 2012	Prepared Information Needs Assessment
Early 2014/ Spring 2014	Summary of public, Tribal and employee comments, and, Responses from Forest Supervisor

What is a Forest Plan?

A Forest Plan sets the Desired Conditions* for all areas of the Forest, based on an environmental analysis. The Desired Conditions describe the mosaic of land and resource conditions envisioned for the Forest in the future. Essentially a zoning ordinance and map.



Desired Conditions – how we want the Tongass to **look and function 10, 20, 50, and 100+ years from now.*

Desired Conditions are attained through Forest-wide goals and objectives, which are set for each of the land use designations (LUDs).

Goals and Objectives

Forest-wide Goals - describe the desired conditions (*how the Tongass looks & functions in the future*).

Forest-wide Objectives - define HOW we meet the Plan Goals (*what activities [projects] we expect to do to get to the desired conditions*).

From the Goals and Objectives, the Tongass established forest-wide Standards and Guidelines for implementing the Forest Plan.

Standard - mandatory course of action or level of attainment required by the Forest Plan, typically identified by the words “must” or “will.”

Guideline - preferred or advisable course of action or level of attainment indicative of the intent of the Plan, typically identified by the words “may” or “where practicable”.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- **Monitoring:** Through monitoring, we evaluate if we are achieving the Standards & Guidelines and Goals & Objectives, and are achieving the intent of the Forest Plan
- **Annual Reports:** Help us evaluate activities & actions, progress, and results
- **Adaptive Management:** By using adaptive management and regularly monitoring how the Forest Plan's implementation is effecting resources, we can improve future management



Forest Plan Process

Environmental Analysis



Desired Conditions → Goals



Mapped LUDs



Objectives



Standards and Guidelines



Monitoring

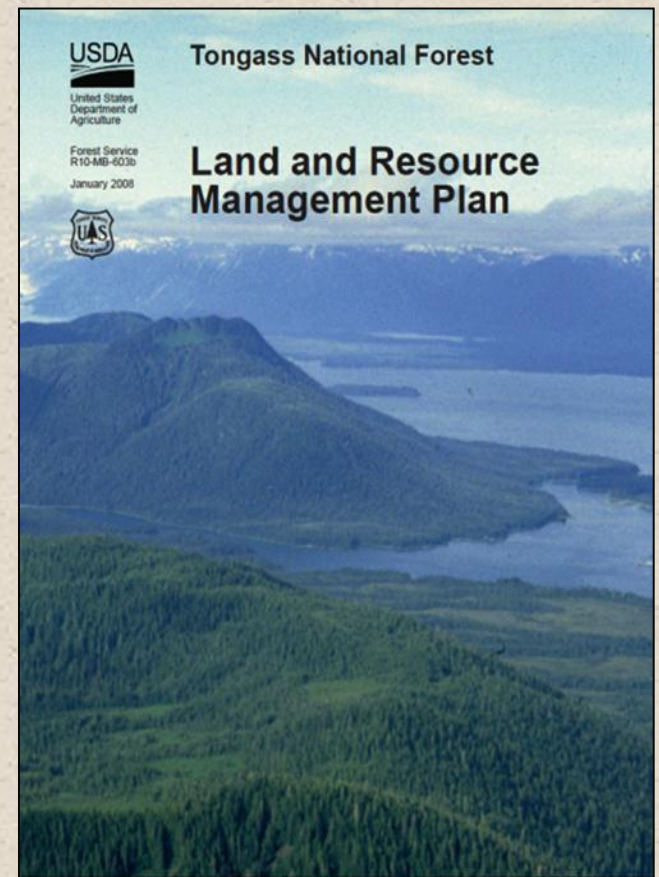


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History of Tongass Forest Plan

- 1976: Tongass Land Management Plan started
- 1979: Tongass Land Management Plan/FEIS (TLMP)
- 1980: TLMP Amended
- 1985/86: TLMP Amended
- 1990: TLMP Amended
- 1990: Revision DEIS
- 1991: Revision SDEIS
- 1997: **Forest Plan/FEIS/ROD**
- 2003: SEIS - No new Forest Plan
- 2008: **Forest Plan Amend/FEIS/ROD**
- 2013: Forest Plan 5-Year Review



Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan Documents

The primary documents and information that comprise or support the Forest Plan include:

- **2008 Forest Plan**
- **Record of Decision**
- **FEIS Volumes I & II**
- **Maps**
- **2003 SEIS**
- **1997 Forest Plan FEIS**

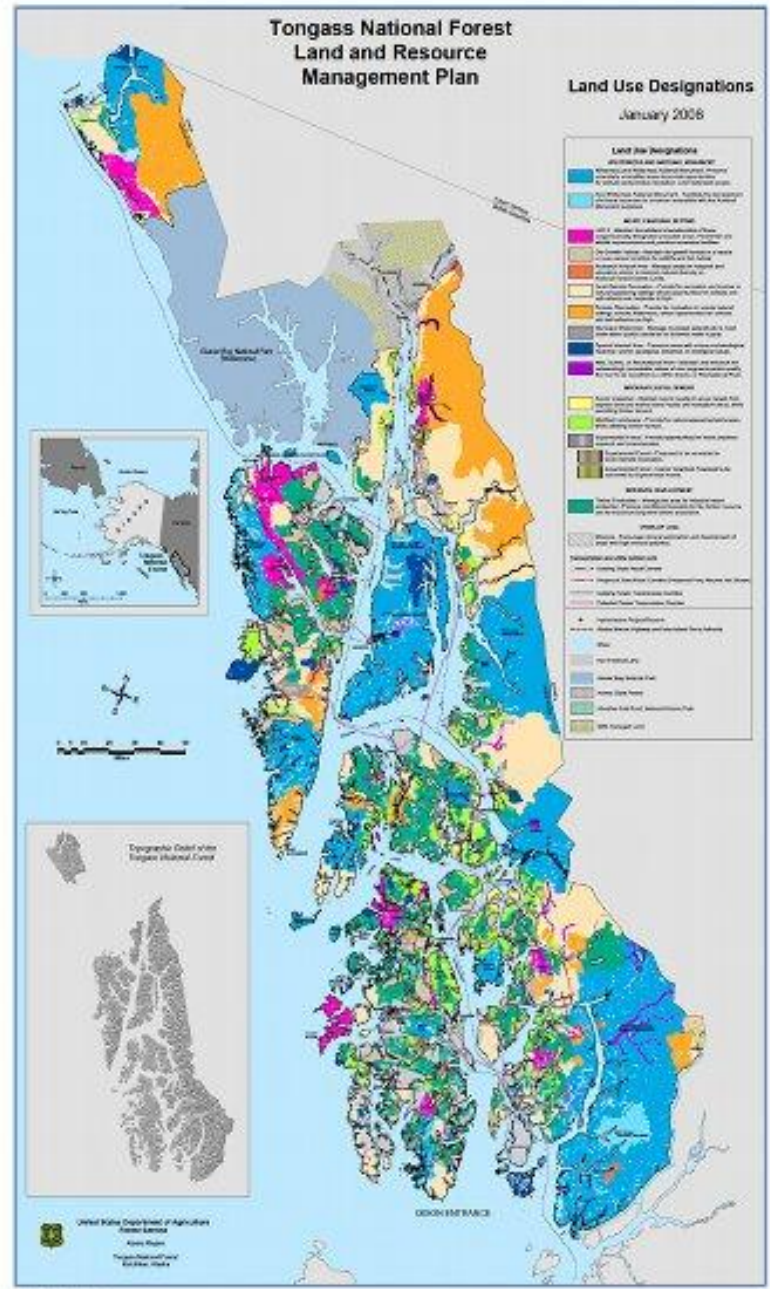


Record of Decision

The ROD approved how we manage the Tongass. Direction in the plan determines activities by LUD.

- **Forest-wide multiple-use Goals & Objectives**
- **19 LUDs (zones) across the Tongass**
- **Management Prescription (MP) for each LUD**
- **23 Forest-wide Standards and Guidelines that apply in all LUDs.**

**2008 ROD
Selected
Alternative
Map
(Zoning Map)**



LUD Legend

2 Wilderness & National Monument Designations



**Wilderness & Wilderness
National Monument**



**Non-Wilderness
National Monument**



8 Mostly Natural Setting Designations



LUD II



Old Growth Habitat



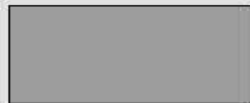
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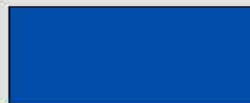
Semi-Remote Recreation



Remote Recreation



Municipal Watershed



Special Interest Area



Wild, Scenic or Recreational River



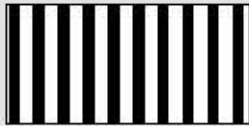
3 Moderate Development Designations



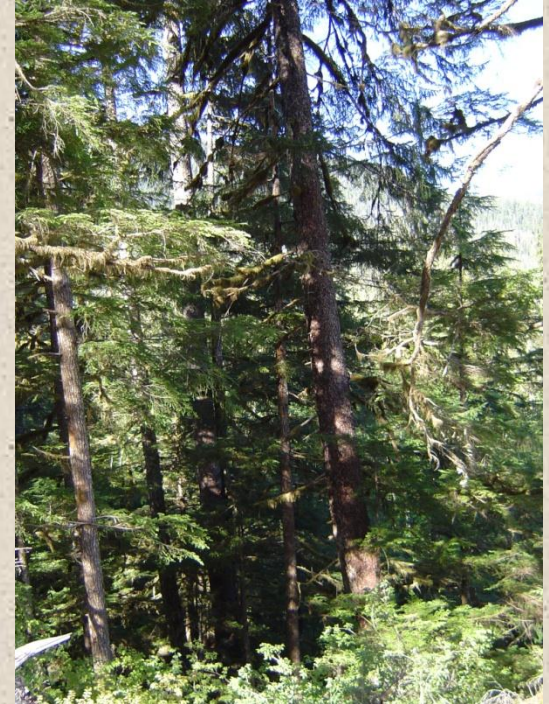
Scenic Viewshed



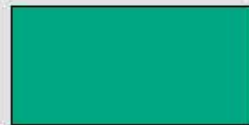
Modified Landscape



Experimental Forest



1 Intensive Development Designation



Timber Production

Overlay Land Use Designations



Minerals - Encourage mineral exploration and development of areas with high mineral potential.

Transportation and Utility System LUD



Existing State Road Corridor



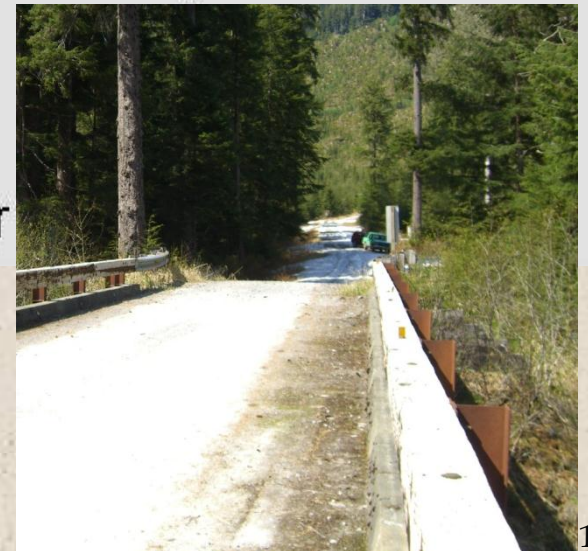
Proposed State Road Corridor (Proposed Ferry Routes Not Shown)



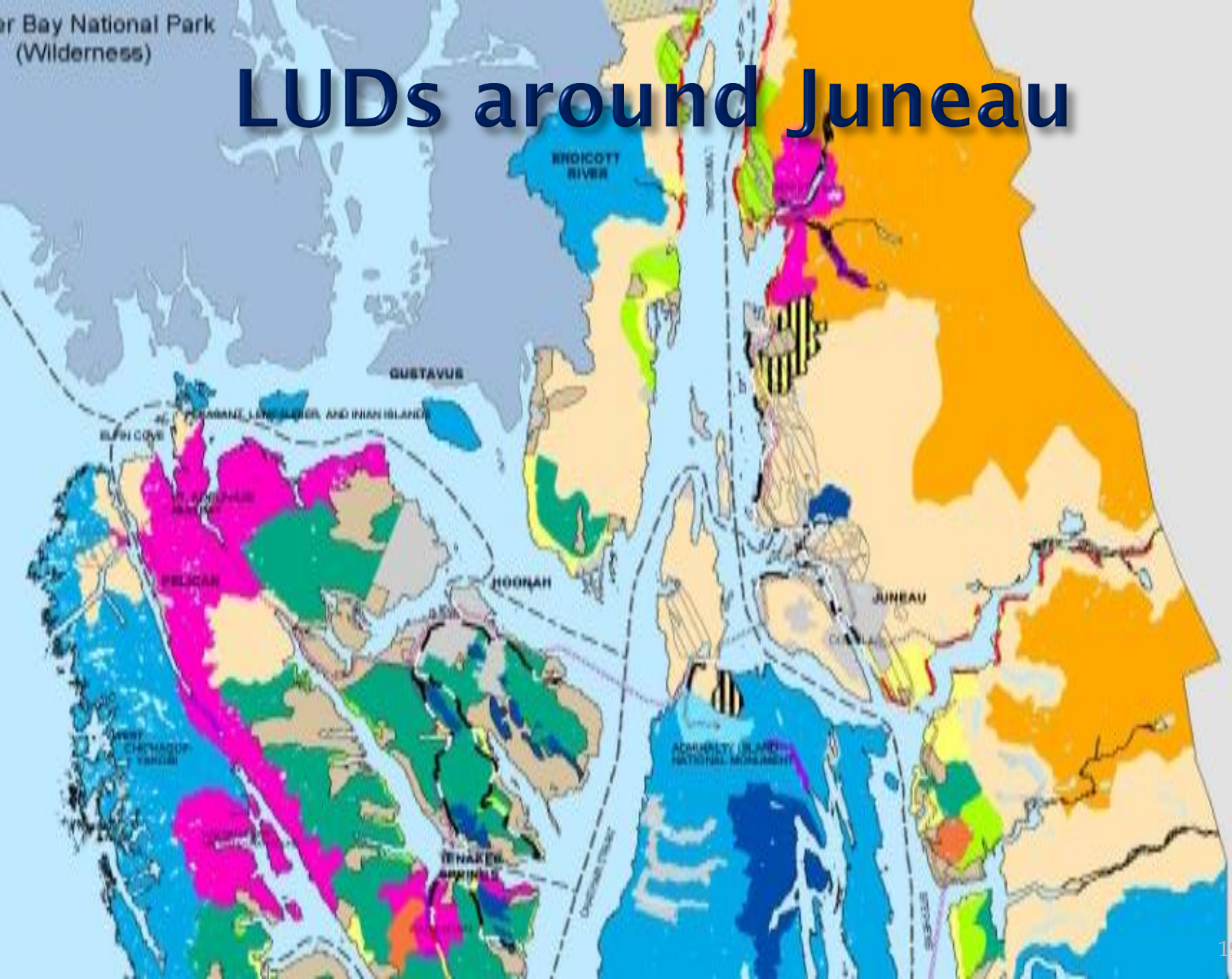
Existing Power Transmission Corridor



Potential Power Transmission Corridor



LUDs around Juneau



How People Can Stay Informed

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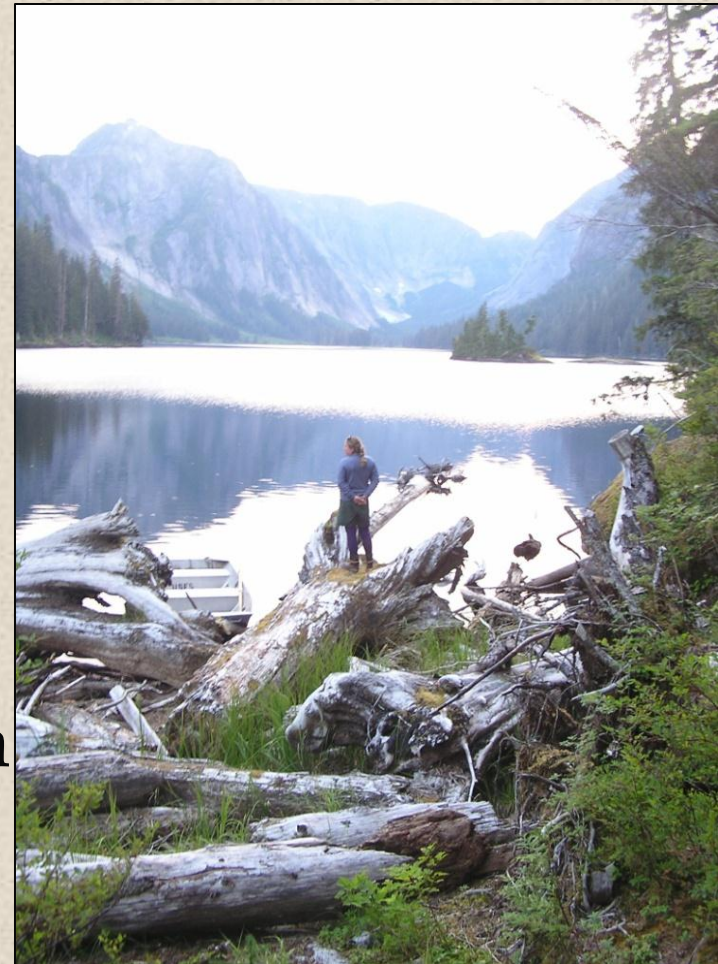
www.fs.usda.gov/main/tongass/landmanagement/

2) Join Contact List at:

- Link at www.tnf-5yearreview.com

Types of Comments That are Most Helpful...specific ideas on

- How do you think the Forest Plan implementation is going and why you feel that way?
- How would you change the Forest Plan and why?
- What do you see working well on the Tongass?
- What do you see on the horizon that was not addressed in the Forest Plan & needs to be soon?



How to Submit a Comment Between Now & June 30

1. Use the web at www.tnf-5yearreview.com

- Best way to submit comments
- Use Comment Form.

2. Submit comment in
writing to:

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST
TNF 5-YEAR REVIEW
648 MISSION STREET
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA 99901-6591



A low-angle photograph looking up at several tall, mature trees in a forest. The trunks of the trees are thick and covered in rough, greyish-brown bark. The upper portions of the trees are filled with a dense canopy of bright green leaves, with sunlight filtering through in dappled patterns. The sky is visible in small patches through the foliage.

Questions?